

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- 5 Many network addresses on the public or private networks are currently expressed and passed verbally in domain name format because this is a much easier for humans than using a numeric address form. However, verbal expression and recognition of network addresses in domain name form is a non-trivial task for machines and this hinders the adoption of speech interfaces for the passing of addresses. Therefore, in order to facilitate
- 10 passing addresses in speech form to and from machines, the machines are enabled speak their addresses in number form with their speech synthesis and recognition vocabularies being correspondingly restricted.